ernment of West Bengal had sent a Feasibility Report in April, 1990 for setting up Shiprepair Complex at Haldia. Government of India had replied that there was no proposal under Government's consideration for setting up a Ship repairing Yard as Haldia in the Central Public Sector. However, the field is open for private sector and if any private entrepreneur wishes to set up Shiprepair Complex at Haldia, he is free to do so on his own or in joint sector with the assistance of the State Government.

Deluxe buses in Delhi

3760. SHRI P.M. SAYEED:
SHRI GURUDAS KAMAT:

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the DTC has decided to ply Deluxe buses on some routes in the capital; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) No, Sir.

(b). Does not arise.

Collection from direct and indirect taxes

3761. SHRI ARJUN SINGH YADAV: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage of revenue collected from direct an indirect taxes, separately, during the last three financial years and during 1991-92 so far;

(b) the reasons for lower percentage of direct tax collections; and

(c) the steps taken to increase the direct tax collection?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) The percentages of revenue collected from direct and indirect taxes are as follows:-

Year	*%age of Direct Taxes Collection*	*%age of Indirect Taxes Collection*
1988-89	20.30%	79.70%
1989-90	19.80%	80.20%
1990-91	19.61%	80.39%
1991-92	17.82%*	82.18%

(Upto Feb' 92)

*Since a large proportion of direct tax collection is received in the month of March, this percentage is likely to go up by the end of the financial year.

(b) the main reasons for lower percentage of direct tax collection are as follows:-

(i) The base of direct taxes is narrower than that of indirect taxes;

(ii) Agricultural income is exempt from income tax; and

(iii) Under the Income tax Act, a number of exemptions and concessions have been given for achieving various socio-economic objectives.

(c) Various new measure to widen the direct tax base and to increase the direct tax collection have been introduced in the Finance Bill, 1992. Besides, all appropriate

administrative measures are also taken to improve revenue collections.

Foreign exchange earning from Sea food Exports

3762. PROF. UMMAREDDY. VENKATESWARLU: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been an increase in foreign exchange earnings through sea foods export;

(b) if so, the details of exports made and foreign exchange earned during each of the last three years;

(c) whether there is any proposal to set up a sea-food processing plant in Andhra Pradesh; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI SALMAN KHURSHEED): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The export of marine products during last three years were:

	Qty. (in Mts)	*Value (Rs. crores)*
1988-89	99777	597.85
1989-90	110843	634.99
1990-91	139419	893.37

(c) and (d). Yes, Sir. There is a proposal for establishment of fish processing unit and shrimp feed mill at Vizag under Indo-Australian Aid.

Gold Bank

3763. SHRI PRAFUL PATEL:
SHRI R. DHANUSKODI ATHITHAN:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to set up a gold bank;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the benefits likely to be accrued therefrom?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) to (c). The matter is under detailed examination by the Reserve Bank of India.

Development of Minor Ports

3764. SHRI N. DENNIS:
SHRI G.M.C. BALAYOGI:

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of minor ports in the country, State-wise;

(b) whether the Union Government have been extending financial assistance for their expansions and development;

(c) if so, the assistance rendered to minor ports during Seventh Plan, port-wise and State-wise;

(d) whether the Government propose to take foreign assistance for development of these ports;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the steps taken by the Government to convert those minor ports into major ports